

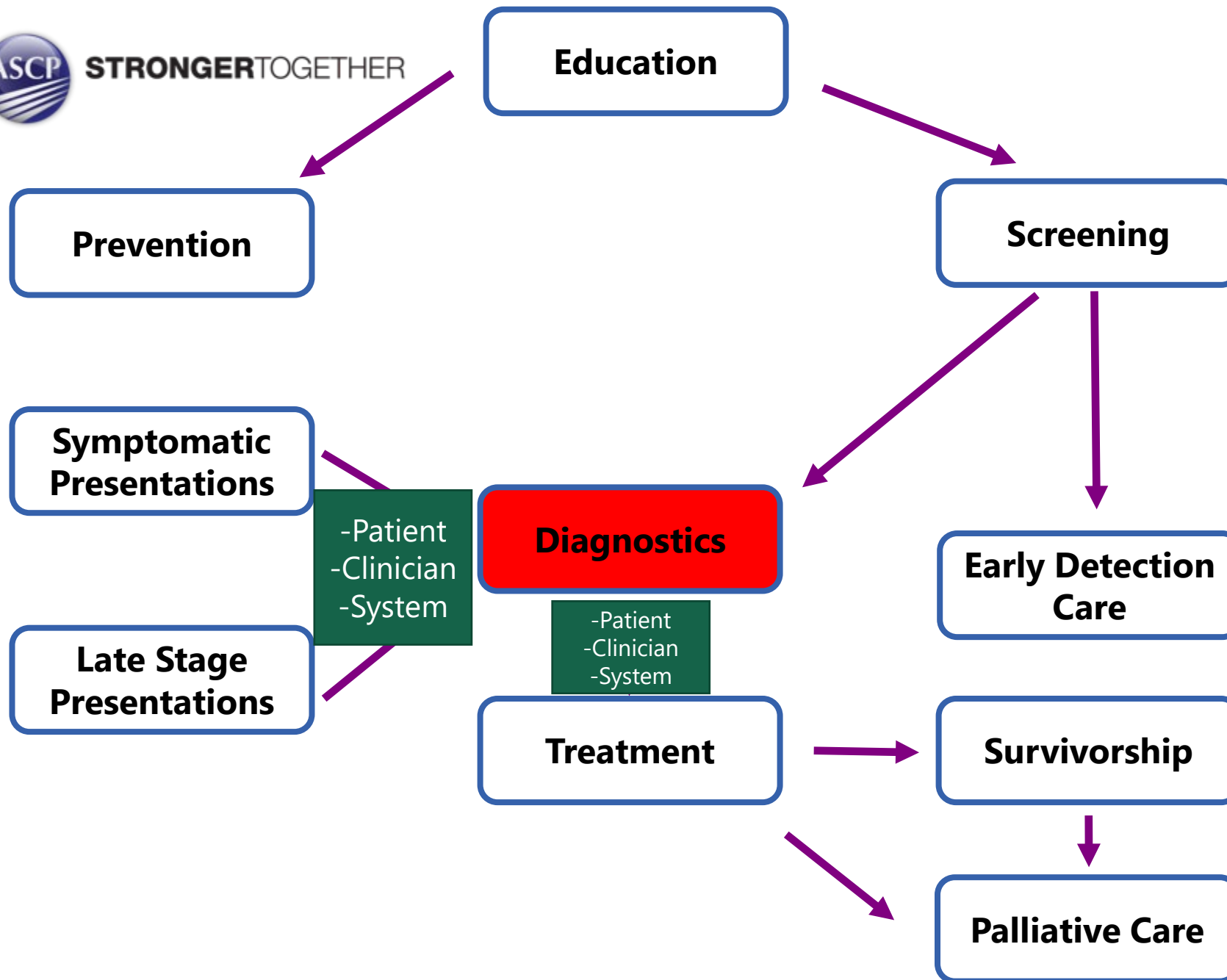
# Improving Service Delivery & Implementing System Changes: Turnaround Time in Diagnostics

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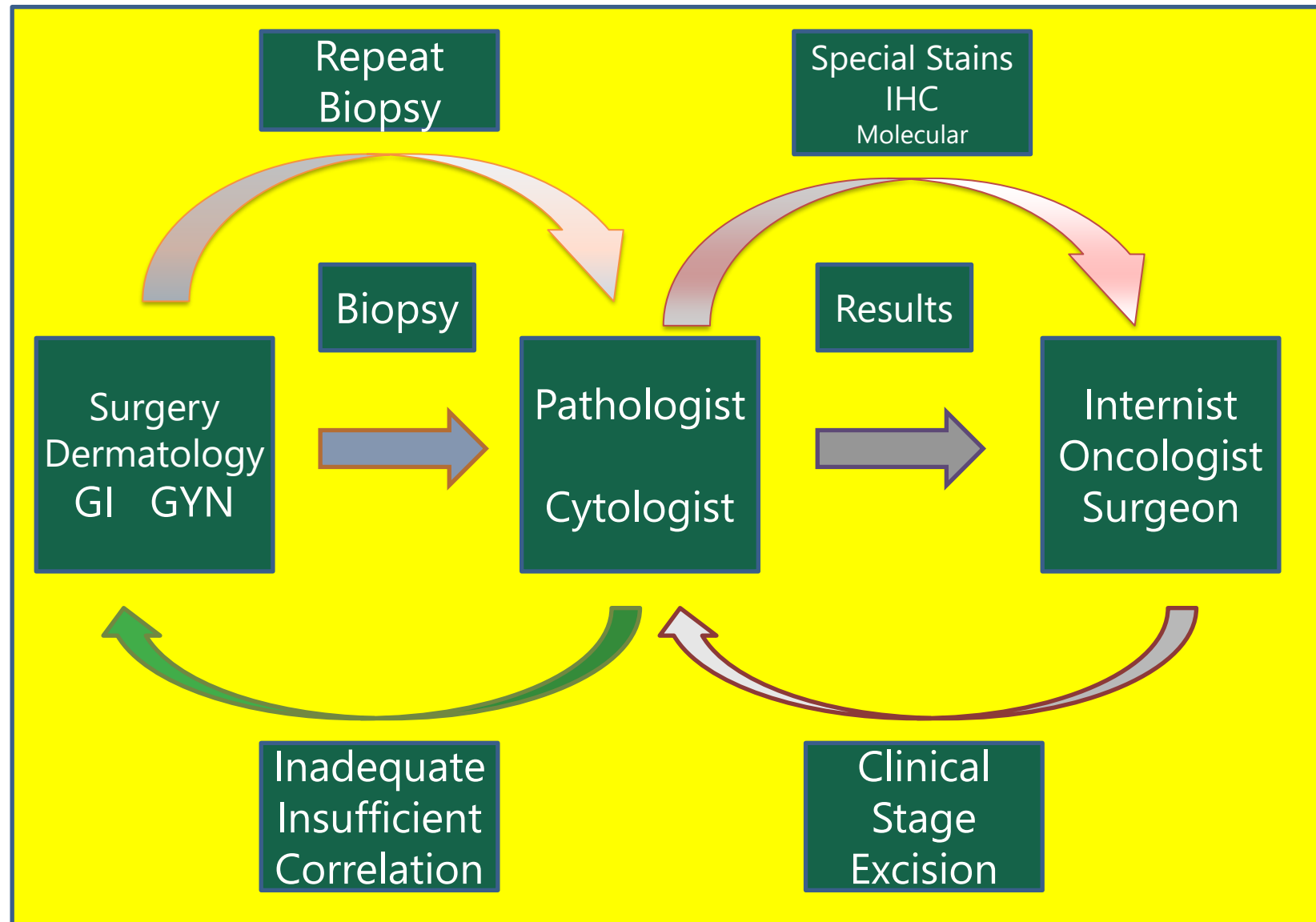


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## The Clinicopathological Cycle



# Delay & (Solutions) In Pathology Value Chain

- Patient presentation
  - ⑩ Not aware of cancer as a disease (**Education, public awareness**)
  - ⑩ Fear of death, loss of body image (**CHW outreach, Survivor Stories**)
  - ⑩ Lack of resources for accessing system (**Insurance schemes and donor programs**)
- Clinical acumen
  - ⑩ Not aware of cancer as a disease (**National Cancer Control Plans**)
  - ⑩ No guiding documentation (**Tiered Training across health sector**)
  - ⑩ Lack of resources for diagnosis (**Clinical network procurement plans**)

# Delay & (Solutions) In Pathology Value Chain

- Biopsy tools
  - ⑩ No simple tools (FNA) available (**Training in FNA/FNB + essential tools**)
  - ⑩ No biopsy tools (surgical) available (**Training in Biopsy + essential tools**)
- Specimen Transportation
  - ⑩ No formalin available (**Defined specimen transport network**)
  - ⑩ No specimen containers/requisitions (**Supplies exchange program**)
  - ⑩ Unclear referral network (**Public-private partnerships**)

# Delay & (Solutions) In Pathology Value Chain

- Personnel
  - ⑩ No pathologist (**Telepathology, visiting pathologists, training**)
  - ⑩ No trained or poorly trained technical staff (**On site and remedial training with support**)
  - ⑩ Management issues (**Laboratory management training**)
- Reagents and Supplies
  - ⑩ No reliable supply of standard reagents (**Defined role of laboratory in network**)
  - ⑩ No supply of special reagents (**Central support for recurring procurement**)
  - ⑩ Delays in procurement (**Public-private partnerships**)

# Delay & (Solutions) In Pathology Value Chain

- Reporting Process
  - ⑩ On paper reporting (**APLIS with networking across system**)
  - ⑩ No laboratory information system (**APLIS with networking across system**)
  - ⑩ No standardize reporting (**Synoptic reporting to international standards**)
  - ⑩ No electronic reporting systems (**APLIS with networking across system**)
- Communications
  - ⑩ Difficult channels between pathology and clinicians
    - (**Synoptic reporting**)
    - (**Interdisciplinary teams**)
    - (**Standardize requisition forms with rejection rules**)

# Examples - Broad Approaches to Global Pathology

- **Universal Synoptic Reporting Templates**
- Guidelines for National Cancer Control Plan Pathology Activities
- Projection model tools for level of service needed
- Budgeting model tools for optimizing laboratory operations
- Integration of Diagnostic and Treatment Protocols
- Assessment Documents with Expert Consultations



# Breast Cancer Pathology Reporting Checklist

## Gross Assessment

Side: Right/Left (note - if bilateral please describe each side individually).

### Specimen Type:

FNA, Needle Core Biopsy

Surgical Biopsy (incisional/excisional), Wide Excision/ Partial Mastectomy

Total Mastectomy +/- sentinel node biopsy/axillary dissection

Measurement of Specimen: Largest piece

Presence or Absence of Tumour

Number of Tumours: solitary/ multiple

Size of Tumour: 3 dimensions if possible

Gross Relationship of Tumour to Margins: measurement to closest margin

Gross Involvement of Skin or Skeletal Muscle.

## Histological Assessment

Histological Diagnosis: State any specific type of carcinoma.

Size: check if greater than gross estimate; use a micrometer if possible. Greatest dimension.

Grade: note - see below

Lymphatic Invasion Outside the Tumour: Yes/ No

Venous Invasion: Yes/ No

Margins (Invasive ca.):

Distance to Closest Margin

State Which Margin If Possible

Look for deep fascia

Skeletal Muscle: State If Invaded.

Skin:

Ulceration

Dermal Invasion

Dermal Lymphatic Invasion

Nipple:

Paget's Disease

Stromal Invasion

Estrogen Receptor Status: see below

PR Status

Her-2 neu Status

Intraductal Component:

Present/ Absent

Pattern of DCIS (Type)

Grade of DCIS

FIG Pattern: Yes/No (note - see below)

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Breast • Invasive Carcinoma • Resection • 4.4.0.0

## Surgical Pathology Cancer Case Summary

Protocol posting date: February 2020

### INVASIVE CARCINOMA OF THE BREAST: Resection

Select a single response unless otherwise indicated.

Procedure, Laterality, and Site may be listed separately or on 1 line.

#### Procedure (Note A)

\_\_\_ Excision (less than total mastectomy)

\_\_\_ Total mastectomy (including nipple-sparing and skin-sparing mastectomy)

\_\_\_ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Not specified

#### Specimen Laterality

\_\_\_ Right

\_\_\_ Left

\_\_\_ Not specified

#### + Tumor Site (select all that apply, as appropriate) (Note B)

+ \_\_\_ Upper outer quadrant

+ \_\_\_ Lower outer quadrant

+ \_\_\_ Upper inner quadrant

+ \_\_\_ Lower inner quadrant

+ \_\_\_ Central

+ \_\_\_ Nipple

+ \_\_\_ Clock position (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

+ \_\_\_ Distance from nipple (centimeters): \_\_\_\_\_ cm

+ \_\_\_ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

+ \_\_\_ Not specified

#### Tumor Size (Note C)

\_\_\_ Microinvasion only ( $\leq 1$  mm)

\_\_\_ Greatest dimension of largest invasive focus  $> 1$  mm (specify exact measurement) (millimeters): \_\_\_\_\_ mm

+ Additional dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ mm

\_\_\_ No residual invasive carcinoma

\_\_\_ Size of largest invasive focus cannot be determined (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: The size of the invasive carcinoma should take into consideration the gross findings correlated with the microscopic examination. If multiple foci of invasion are present, the size listed is the size of the largest contiguous area of invasion. The size of multiple invasive carcinomas should not be added together. The size does not include adjacent ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). For any carcinoma larger than 1.0 mm but less than 1.5 mm, the size should not be rounded down to 1.0 mm, but rather rounded up to 2.0 mm, to ensure that the tumor is not miscategorized as pT1mi. Exception to the size rule - if two histologically similar carcinomas are within 5.0 mm of each other, measure from outer edges of the two. For staging purposes radiologic findings can be used for pT category.*

*If there has been a prior core needle biopsy or incisional biopsy showing a larger area of invasion than in the excisional specimen, the largest dimension of the invasive carcinoma in the prior specimen should be used for T classification, if known. This also applies if the entire tumor has been removed by prior biopsy. The size of the largest foci in the two specimens should not be added together.*

*If there has been prior neoadjuvant treatment and no invasive carcinoma is present, the cancer is classified as ypTis if there is residual DCIS and ypT0 if there is no remaining carcinoma. A protocol is not required if no cancer is present*

### Breast specimen type

☐ Wide excision (specify)

☐ Total mastectomy (specify)

### Specimen laterality

☐ Right

☐ Left

☐ Unspecified

### Tumor location

☐ UOQ

☐ LOQ

☐ UIQ

☐ LIQ

☐ Central

☐ Unspecified

### Histologic type

☐ Invasive breast carcinoma of no special type (specify for special morphological patterns)

☐ Invasive lobular carcinoma (specify for subtype)

☐ Tubular carcinoma

☐ Cribriform carcinoma

☐ Mucinous carcinoma

☐ Invasive micropapillary carcinoma

☐ Carcinoma with apocrine differentiation

☐ Metaplastic carcinoma (specify for subtype)

☐ Other rare subtype (specify)

### Tumor focality

☐ Unifocal

☐ Multifocal

### Tumor size

× × cm

### Histologic grade

☐ Grade I (Low)

☐ Grade II (Intermediate)

☐ Grade III (High)

### Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)

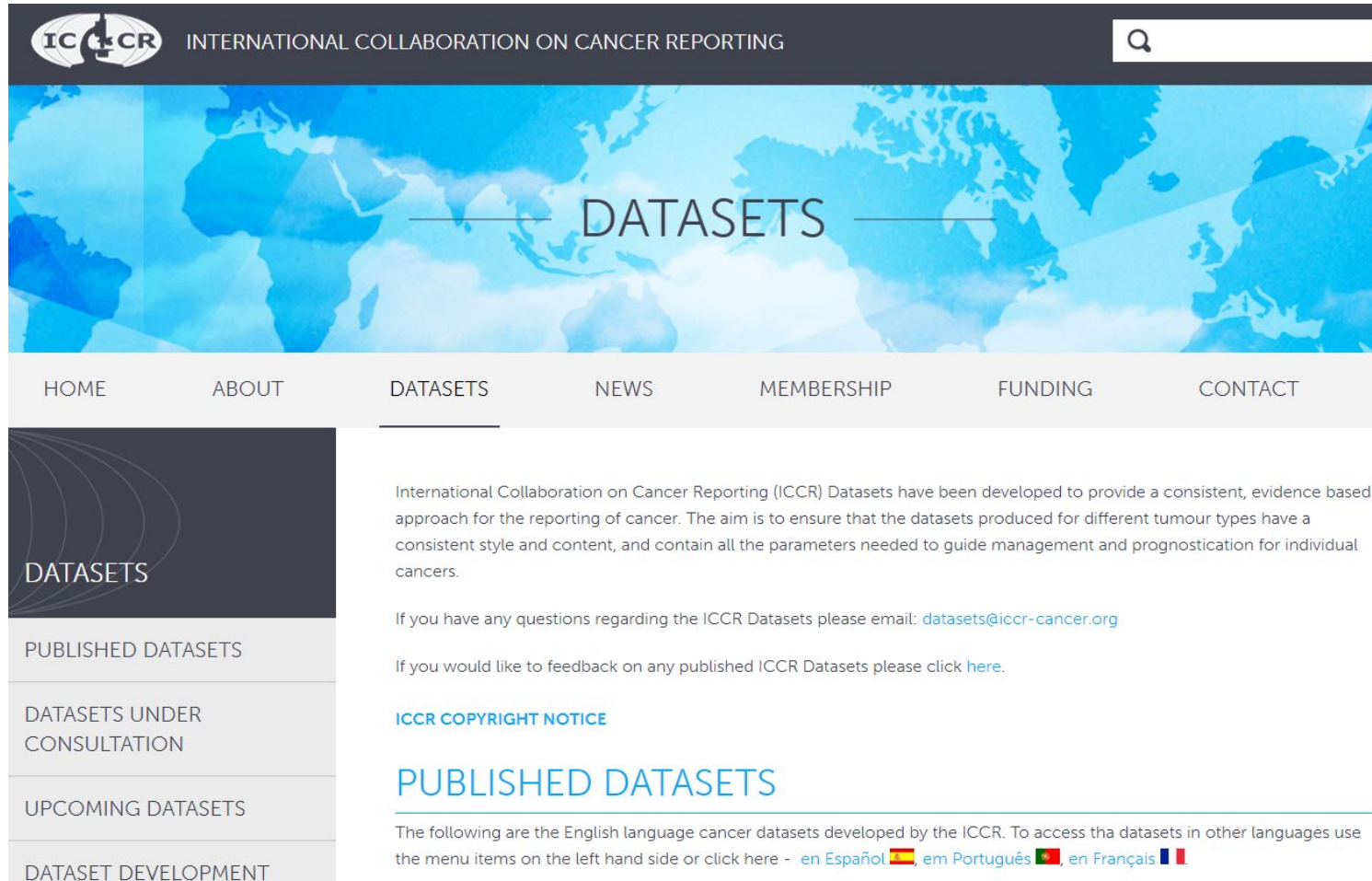
☐ Not identified

-BRCA1/2 Panel

-Homologous recombination deficiency phenotype

-Aromatase inhibitor resistance testing

# Universal Synoptic Reporting Templates



The screenshot shows the ICCR Datasets website. The header features the ICCR logo and the text 'INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ON CANCER REPORTING' on the left, and a search bar on the right. Below the header is a large blue banner with a world map and the word 'DATASETS' in the center. A navigation bar below the banner contains links: HOME, ABOUT, DATASETS (which is underlined), NEWS, MEMBERSHIP, FUNDING, and CONTACT. On the left side of the main content area, there is a vertical menu with the following items: DATASETS (with a graphic of concentric circles), PUBLISHED DATASETS, DATASETS UNDER CONSULTATION, UPCOMING DATASETS, and DATASET DEVELOPMENT. The main content area on the right contains a paragraph explaining the purpose of the ICCR Datasets, followed by contact information and a link to the datasets. Below this is a section titled 'PUBLISHED DATASETS' with a list of languages and flags: English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

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International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) Datasets have been developed to provide a consistent, evidence based approach for the reporting of cancer. The aim is to ensure that the datasets produced for different tumour types have a consistent style and content, and contain all the parameters needed to guide management and prognostication for individual cancers.

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# Example - Deep Approaches to Global Pathology

- Traveling volunteers to provide service, training, or support
- Donations of specific equipment, books, reagents, supplies, etc.
- Funding travel for others to study, train, or attend conferences
- **Developing a pathology implementation plan with milestones and executing each step to completion**
- Coordinating diagnostics and treatment at clinic, city, country, or regional level as part of a care network

**In Person Training**  
-Pathologists  
-Histotechnologists  
-Pathologists' Assistants



Partners for Cancer Diagnosis  
and Treatment in Africa

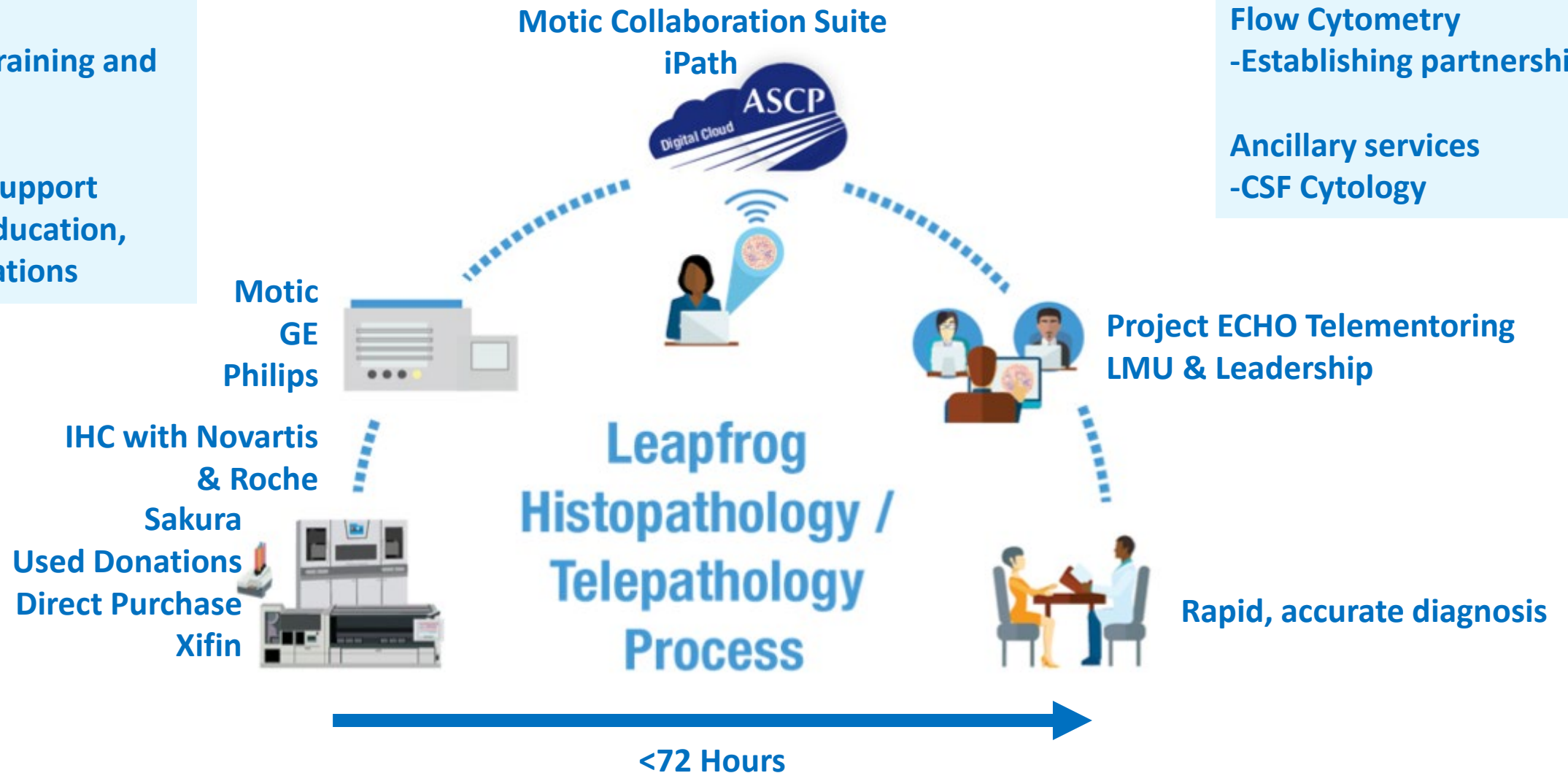
**Synoptic Reporting (ICCR)**  
-Template translation to  
other languages  
-FR, SP, PG complete

**Textbooks**  
-To support training and  
diagnosis

**Conference Support**  
-Advocacy, education,  
and collaborations

**Flow Cytometry**  
-Establishing partnerships

**Ancillary services**  
-CSF Cytology



A hand wearing a blue nitrile glove holds a stack of US dollar bills. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a colorful molecular structure composed of red, orange, yellow, and green spheres connected by lines. The background is a blurred laboratory setting with various equipment.

# Thank You!